



**Solemn Re-dedication of
St. Columb's Church
Glendermott**

by

*The Most Reverend Edward Daly
Bishop of Derry*

on

Sunday 29th June 1986

FOREWORD

The priests of the parish of Glendermott extend a very warm welcome to all who have come today to join with us in thanksgiving to God at this ceremony of the re-dedication of the parish Church of Saint Columb.

We are most grateful to Bishop Edward Daly for performing the ceremony, and for his encouragement and support during the past eight months. We welcome especially Right Reverend Monsignor Duffy, Vicar General of the diocese, and former Parish Priest of Glendermott. We are pleased that so many priests who formerly served in the parish, and priests who are natives of Glendermott, have been able to come, together with priests from the city and diocese.

This Church has a long history. It was built in 1841 by Archdeacon McCarron. Shortly after his death a monument in brass and slate was erected by his grateful parishioners to his memory. For half a century this monument was painted over and hidden from view, but today it enjoys an honoured place in our renovated church.

In 1881 the church was extended to become as we see it today. It was again closed in 1916 for repairs and re-decoration. Over the last forty years there has been a growing concern about woodworm in the roof trusses. Last October a decision was taken to re-roof the Church. Permission was given by the diocesan Committee on 22nd April 1985. It was thought opportune to renew completely the fabric of the building, and so ensure that it will not need any further adaptation for many years to come.

Particular pride and interest was taken in planning by Mr Frank Corr, of the firm F.M. Corr and Associates, as Mr Corr was a native of the parish. Sadly, he did not live to see the work completed, but Miss Oonagh Madden deserves the highest praise for the competent way she approached this major task.

We were extremely fortunate to have the work entrusted to the firm of Gerry McCormick, Goshaden, also a native of the parish. That so much has been achieved in eight months is surely evidence of a rare combination of skill and efficiency. His workers, and the sub-contractors, have served our parish well. They can be justly proud of their fine workmanship.

Above all, this is a day to thank the people of Glendermott. Only a people with a deep faith in God and pride in their heritage could have so willingly undertaken this further project with such enthusiasm. Their generosity to the Church is truly remarkable. May the Lord reward this generosity and their total support in the work of renewing this ancient Church of Saint Columb. We pray that this Church will be for them, and for all who enter it, a symbol of their belief in those words of Christ which are written on its doors: "Behold I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

James Clerkin, P.P.

Neil Farren, C.C.

Patrick Crilly, C.C.

Michael Leonard, C.C.

Joseph Coulter, C.C.

David O'Kane, C.C.

*Feast of St. Peter and Paul, Apostles
29th June 1986.*

CHURCH OF ST. COLUMB

Roof:- The original roof of the Church was of traditional construction typical of those built during the mid-19th century. The main structural elements were the queen post trusses which spanned between the side walls of the Church. The ends of these trusses were built into the stone walls at either side. The trusses supported timber purlins which spanned between them at the point of intersection of their sloping and top horizontal members. The panelled ceiling followed above the sloping side and horizontal top member of each truss. The timber purlins supported common rafters which spanned from there to the apex. The rafters supported timber battens and natural slates as a roof covering.

The new roof is basically similar but with steel trusses replacing the original timber ones and these now are designed to fit into the space above the slope of the original ceiling from eaves to apex. The new ceiling is paranna pine sheeting panelled in mahogany. The roof is finished in natural Welsh Bangor slates and matching crested ridge tile.

Interior:- The Architects have aimed to create an arrangement within the existing structure that would give a sense of community amongst the congregation and their priest. The place of Confession and reconciliation is given special consideration. The gallery has been reduced in size and now does not intrude unduly into the space of the nave. The baptistry is sited to the left of the sanctuary area. Otherwise the major work has been one of repair and renewal rather than change; new up-dated heating and electrical installations, coloured leaded glass inset into P.V.C. frames in lieu of the original clear glass and timber frames, re-plastering and re-decoration of the walls. The new centrally positioned internal entrance door now directs the people into the nave and on either side of this door are the crests of Pope John Paul II and Bishop Edward Daly finely painted by Sister Aloysius McVeigh dating this restoration period of this church. Externally the original timber panelled doors have been covered in copper sheeting by Bob Sloan, decorated with raised embellishment depicting incidents from the recorded life of St. Columb and lettering Christ's message to us - a worthy adornment of this elegant sandstone front facade of the church which looks down on the city over the river Foyle.

Oonagh K. Madden

Outline History of Glendermott Parish

Christians have worshipped God as a community in Glendermott for some fifteen hundred years. Successive generations of parishioners have prayed and given honour to God in sacred places which answered their particular needs. In the golden age of the Celtic Church Mass was said and the sacraments were administered in monastic foundations at Glendermot, Enagh Lough, Clooney, Gransha and - possibly - Desertowen.

During the Middle Ages the needs of the people were catered for in the parochial churches, which had replaced the monastic ones, at Glendermot, Clooney and Gransha, and in the Cistercian Convent at Rosnagalliagh. When persecution deprived Catholics of their church buildings, Mass Rocks at the Birch Wood in Ardmore, in Finncairn Glen and at the Sand Hole in Crossballycormack made these places especially hallowed spots. With the relaxation of the Penal Laws, the Ardmore Chapel (actually in the townland of Curryneirin and in use by 1791) and the improvised Mass-house in Dr White's yard in Duke Street sheltered the faithful as they worshipped God.

In more recent times the people of Glendermott have established several places of worship, all but one of which are still in use today : Saint Columb's Church (1841), the Enagh Lough Chapel (1917), the Good Shepherd Convent (1919), Saint Mary's Church, Ardmore (1930), Saint Mary's Oratory, Newbuildings (1948) and the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Gobnascale (1981).

Saint Columb's Church is undoubtedly the most venerable of this last-named group of religious sites and has a special place in the affections of the parishioners of the Waterside. Begun in 1838 and opened in 1841 - ten years before the foundation stone of Saint Eugene's Cathedral was laid! - the Waterside Church has been redecorated, refurbished and even enlarged on a number of occasions in the last one hundred and forty-five years. In 1873 the bell-tower was added to the building and the people of Derry heard the sound of a Catholic call to worship for the first time in two hundred years. In 1881 the Church was extended as it had become too small for the Sunday congregations; a chancel and transepts were added to the original building, thus making the Church cruciform; the interior was re-decorated; a new Communion rail was installed and the Church grounds were enclosed and wrought-iron entrance gates were erected.

During the First World War the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes was built. In the pastorate of Father W.B. McFeely the Church was renovated and an organ was installed. In more recent years the heating system was modernised, the interior was re-decorated and brought into line with the new liturgical regulations; the land-scaping of the grounds was developed to add to the beauty of the Church setting. During these years of renewal in the Church the parish of Glendermott was guided successively by Monsignor Joseph O'Doherty, Father John McGaughey and Monsignor Austin Duffy.

Now in 1986 Father James Clerkin has initiated and completed a restoration of the building, including major repair work, refurbishment and re-decoration which will ensure that its future will be as important as its past.

Father John R Walsh,
St. Columb's College, Derry.

NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE
Right Reverend Monsignor Austin Duffy, P.P., Dungiven
Vicar General : (Parish Priest of Glendermott 1977 - 1984)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Reverend Canon Graham, Diocesan Secretary
Reverend Michael Doherty, C.C., St. Eugene's Cathedral

ORGANIST AND CHOIR MASTER — Mr Sean Friel

SACRISTAN — Mr John Douglas

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

Most Reverend Edward Daly, Bishop of Derry

CONCELEBRANTS

Priests of the Parish

Priests who have served in the parish, and natives of the parish.

PRESENT IN SANCTUARY

Right Reverend Monsignor Austin Duffy, P.P., Dungiven
Vicar General : (Parish Priest of Glendermott 1977 - 1984)

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Reverend Eamon Graham, Diocesan Secretary
Reverend Michael Doherty, C.C., St. Eugene's Cathedral

ORGANIST AND CHOIR MASTER — Mr Sean Friel

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SOLEMN ENTRANCE

The Bishop blesses water with which to sprinkle the people as a sign of repentance and as a reminder of their Baptism.
The clergy, concelebrants and the Bishop go in procession through the church.

BISHOP:

The Bishop goes to the Choir.
Brothers and sisters in Christ in solemn rite at the procession enter the church and the following hymn is sung:
This water created by his hand.

It is a sign of our repentance; a reminder of our Baptism, and a symbol of the cleansing of these walls and altar.

Give him with gladness, praise him well to receive.
Come now before him and rejoice.
All pray in silence for a brief period.

Know that the Lord is God indeed,
In his great love created man;

BISHOP:

RITE OF RE-DEDICATION

PART ONE

INTRODUCTORY RITES

You call every creature to the light of day
Enter his gates with songs of praise
Come to his court with joy and gladness
Honour and praise him all our days
For you have made sacred,
That through the waters of Baptism
die with Christ
His mercy is for ever sure
as members of his family
and heirs of his Kingdom
Bless this water,
sanctify it.

As it is sprinkled upon us and throughout this church
make it a sign of the saving waters of baptism

by which we become members of his Church
The grace and peace of God
May all here today
and all those in days to come
in his holy Church
who will celebrate your mysteries in this church,
be united at last in the holy city of your peace.
We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

The Bishop welcomes the people and gives a short
introduction to the ceremony.
The following hymn is sung.

SOLEMN ENTRANCE

STAND

The clergy, concelebrants and the Bishop go in procession through the church. The Bishop goes to the Chair

As the procession enters the church, the following hymn is sung

ALL All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Serve him with gladness, praise him well:
Come now before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed,
In his great love created man:
God is our Shepherd, every need
he has supplied since time began.

Enter his gates with songs of praise,
Come to his courts, approach with joy:
Honour and bless him all our days,
Gladly for God our lives employ.

Truly, the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure:
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.

BISHOP:
The grace and peace of God
be with all of you
in his holy Church.

ALL: And also with you.

The Bishop welcomes the people and gives a short introduction to the ceremony

STAND BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

The Bishop blesses water with which to sprinkle the people as a sign of repentance and as a reminder of their Baptism.

BISHOP:
Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this solemn rite of dedication, let us ask the Lord our God to bless this water created by his hand.
It is a sign of our repentance, a reminder of our Baptism, and a symbol of the cleansing of these walls and this altar. May the grace of God help us to remain faithful members of his Church, open to the Spirit we have received.

All pray in silence for a brief period.

BISHOP:
God of mercy,
You call every creature to the light of life,
and surround us with such great love
that when we stray
you continually lead us back to Christ our head.
For you have established an inheritance of such mercy
that those sinners, who pass through water made sacred,
die with Christ and rise restored
as members of his body
and heirs of his eternal covenant.

BISHOP:
Bless this water;
sanctify it.
As it is sprinkled upon us and throughout this church
make it a sign of the saving waters of baptism,
by which we become one in Christ, the temple of your Spirit

May all here today,
and all those in days to come,
who will celebrate your mysteries in this church,
be united at last in the holy city of your peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

All: Amen.

As the bishop sprinkles the people, with the holy water, the following hymn is sung:

ALL: Amen.

ALL: On this house your blessing, Lord.
On this house your grace bestow.
On this house your blessing, Lord
May it come and never go.
Bringing peace and joy and happiness,
Bringing love that knows no end.
On this house your blessing, Lord.
On this house your blessing send.

On this house your loving, Lord.
May it overflow each day.
On this house your loving, Lord.
May it come and with us stay.
Drawing us in love and unity
by the love received from you.
On this house your loving, Lord.
May it come each day anew.

On this house your giving, Lord.
May it turn and ever flow.
On this house your giving, Lord.
On this house your wealth bestow.
Filling all our hopes and wishes, Lord.
In the way you know is best.
On this house your giving, Lord.
may it come and with us rest.

When the singing is finished the bishop says:

BISHOP: May God, the Father of mercies,
dwell in this house of prayer.
May the grace of the Holy Spirit cleanse us,
for we are the temple of his presence.

ALL: Amen.

SIT

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

STAND

OPENING PRAYER

BISHOP:

Let us pray
All pray in silence for a brief period

BISHOP:

Lord,
fill this place with your presence,
and extend your hand
to all those who call upon you.
May your word here proclaimed
and your sacraments here celebrated
strengthen the hearts of all the faithful.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

ALL: On this house your people
and peace to his people on earth
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
and peace to his people on earth
and peace to his people on earth

RITE OF RE-DEDICATION

PART TWO

LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING PRAYER
BISHOP: Let us pray in silence for a brief period

Lord,
fill this place with your presence,
and extend your hand
to all those who call upon you
May your word here proclaimed
and your sacraments here celebrated
strengthen the hearts of all the faithful
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

GOSPEL:
STAND **LITURGY OF THE WORD**
*The Bishop takes The Lectionary, shows it to the people,
and says:*

BISHOP: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
May the word of God always be heard in this place,
as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before you
and achieves your salvation within the Church.

ALL: Amen.

SIT **FIRST READING:**
A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered as one man on the square before the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses which the Lord had prescribed for Israel. Accordingly Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people — since he stood higher than all the people — Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, "Amen! Amen!"; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Ezra, priest and scribe, said to all the people, "This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep." For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, "Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold."

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Response: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord God of hosts
Psalm 83

SECOND READER

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. On this foundation you can build in gold, silver and jewels, or in wood, grass and straw, but whatever the material, the work of each builder is going to be clearly revealed when the day comes. That day will begin with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

STAND ACCLAMATION

CANTORS

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your word is truth O Lord.

Consecrate us in the truth.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL:

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

ALL: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

SIT *After the Gospel the bishop gives the homily.*

STAND *After the homily the profession of the faith is said.*

ALL: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was
made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Response:
Psalm 83
Matthew
SECOND

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STAND

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CANTORS:

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INVITATION TO PRAYER

STAND

Saint Agnes
Saint Gregory

BISHOP:

Let us ask the saints to support our prayers
to God the Father almighty, who has made the hearts
of his people faithful temples of his Spirit.

Saint Martin
Saint Patrick

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

KNEEL

Saint Eugene
Saint Benedict

CANTORS:

Saint Columba

Lord, have mercy

Saint Dominic

Saint Francis Xavier
Saint John Vianney

CANTORS:

Saint Breacan
Saint Catherine

Christ, have mercy

Saint Teresa

Christ, have mercy

RITE OF RE-DEDICATION

CANTORS:

Lord, have mercy

PART THREE

Lord, have mercy

ALL:

Lord, have mercy

PRAYER OF RE-DEDICATION

CANTORS:

Pray for us (this response is repeated after each of the
follow invocations)

ALL:

From every sin

From everlasting death

CANTORS:

By your death and that you by
Holy Angels of God who are holy by
Saint John the Baptist

CANTORS:

Saint Joseph
Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Saint Andrew
Saint John

ALL:

Lord, hear our prayer (this response is repeated after
each of the following)

Saint Stephen
Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Saint Lawrence
Saint Oliver Plunkett

STAND INVITATION TO PRAYER

BISHOP:

Let us ask the saints to support our prayers to God the Father almighty, who has made the hearts of his people faithful temples of his Spirit.

KNEEL LITANY OF THE SAINTS

CANTORS:

Lord, have mercy

ALL:

Lord, have mercy

CANTORS:

Christ, have mercy

ALL:

Christ, have mercy

CANTORS:

Lord, have mercy

ALL:

Lord, have mercy

CANTORS:

Holy Mary, Mother of God

ALL:

Pray for us (this response is repeated after each of the follow invocations)

CANTORS:

- Saint Michael
- Holy Angels of God
- Saint John the Baptist
- Saint Joseph
- Saint Peter and Saint Paul
- Saint Andrew
- Saint John
- Saint Mary Magdalene
- Saint Stephen
- Saint Ignatius of Antioch
- Saint Lawrence
- Saint Oliver Plunkett

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity

Saint Agnes

Saint Gregory

Saint Augustine

Saint Athanasius

Saint Basil

Saint Martin

Saint Patrick

Saint Eugene

Saint Benedict

Saint Columba

Saint Francis and Saint Dominic

Saint Francis Xavier

Saint John Vianney

Saint Breacan

Saint Catherine

Saint Teresa

Saint Brigid

All holy men and women

CANTORS:

Lord, be merciful

ALL:

Lord, save your people (this response is repeated after each of the following invocations)

CANTORS:

From all evil

From every sin

From everlasting death

By your coming as man

By your death and rising to life

By your gift of the Holy Spirit

CANTORS:

Be merciful to us sinners

ALL:

Lord, hear our prayer (this response is repeated after each of the following invocations)

CANTORS:

Guide and protect your holy Church
Keep the Pope and all the clergy in faithful service to
your church
Bring all peoples together in trust and that peace which
only you can give
Bless the people of this parish and all who have helped
in the work of this church
Strengthen us in your service
Make this church holy and consecrate it to your
worship
Jesus, Son of the Living God

CANTORS:

Christ, hear us

ALL:

Christ, hear us

CANTORS:

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

ALL:

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

BISHOP:

Lord,
may the prayer of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and of all the saints
make our prayers acceptable to you.
May this building,
which we dedicate to your name,
be a house of salvation and grace
where Christians gathered in fellowship
may worship you in spirit and truth
and grow together in love.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

ALL:

AMEN.

STAND

PRAYER OF RE-DEDICATION

BISHOP:

Father in heaven,
source of holiness and true purpose,
it is right that we praise and glorify your name.

For today we come before you,
to re-dedicate to your lasting service
this house of prayer, this temple of worship,
this home in which we are nourished by your word and
your sacraments.

Here is reflected the mystery of the Church.
The Church is fruitful,
made holy by the blood of Christ:
a bride made radiant with his glory,
a virgin splendid in the wholeness of her faith,
a mother blessed through the power of the Spirit.

The Church is holy,
your chosen vineyard:
its branches envelop the world,
its tendrils, carried on the tree of the cross,
reach up to the kingdom of heaven.

The Church is favoured,
the dwelling place of God on earth:
a temple built of living stones,
founded on the apostles
with Jesus Christ its corner stone.

The Church is exalted,
a city on a mountain:
a beacon to the whole world,
bright with the glory of the lamb,
and echoing the prayers of her saints.

Lord,
send your Spirit from heaven
to make this church an ever-holy place,
and this altar a ready table for the sacrifice of Christ.

Here may the waters of baptism
overwhelm the shame of sin;
here may your people die to sin
and live again through grace as your children

Here may your children,
gather around your altar,
celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Lamb,
and be fed at the table
of Christ's word and Christ's body.

Here may prayer, the Church's banquet,
resound through heaven and earth
as a plea for the world's salvation.

Here may the poor find justice,
the victims of oppression, true freedom.

from here may the whole world
clothed in the dignity of the children of God,
enter with gladness your city of peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

STAND **INCENSATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE PEOPLE**

The bishop puts incense into two thuribles, saying:

BISHOP: Lord,
May our prayer ascend as incense in your sight.
As this building is filled with fragrance
so may your Church fill the world
with the fragrance of Christ

*Because it is at the altar that the memorial of the Lord
celebrated and his body and blood given to the people,
see in the altar a sign of Christ himself. For this reason
the Bishop now uses one of the thuribles to reverence the
altar with incense. The Bishop himself is then saluted
with incense. After this, two concelebrants incense the
Clergy and people.*

HYMN OF RE-DEDICATION

O God, we dedicate this house of ours,
Glendermott people and our many hours
Of faithful worship as we come to pray
And offer you the moments of our day.

Within these walls our people come as Church,
In days of joy and sorrow still we march
In tune with all that you ask us to do
And build our parish, and this world renew.

To you we bring the stages of our growth,
In Sacramental joy we build our faith.
We were made one in Baptism, Confirmed,
And to the Mass our Faith is always turned.

Within these walls we come to make Confession,
Confess our sins and pray for absolution,
renew our lives and promise to be true
To all the way of life you call us to.

This Church of ours in shape is cruciform,
It reaches out its arms to those forlorn,
To those in sickness and in great distress,
Those broken-hearted and in loneliness.

And in our day we turn our minds from here
To other Churches, whom we hold so dear,
That we may all, in light of your command,
Live lives of trust and love throughout our land.

Words : Rev. P. Crilly

Music : Sean Friel

SIT **LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR AND THE CHURCH**

*The altar is now prepared for the celebration of Mass.
The bishop gives the lighted paschal candle to the parish
priest, saying:*

BISHOP: Light of Christ,
shine forth in the Church
and bring all nations
to the fullness of truth.

*All the candles in the church are lighted from the
paschal candle.*

Meanwhile the Offertory Collection is taken up.

SIT *Some members of the congregation bring the gifts in
procession to the bishop.*

BISHOP: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

ALL: Blessed be God for ever.

BISHOP: By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ,
Who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

ALL: Blessed be God for ever.

BISHOP: Lord God, we ask you to receive us
and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you
with humble and contrite hearts.

Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to
God, the almighty Father.

ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

BISHOP: Lord,
accept the gifts of a rejoicing Church.
May your people,
who are gathered in this sacred place,
arrive at eternal salvation
through the mysteries in which they share.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

KNEEL EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

BISHOP: The Lord be with you

ALL: And also with you.

BISHOP: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

BISHOP: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

ALL: It is right to give you thanks and praise.

BISHOP: Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

The whole world is your temple,
shaped to resound with your name.
Yet you also allow us to dedicate to your service
places designed for your worship.

With hearts full of joy
we consecrate to your glory
this work of our hands, this house of prayer.

Here is foreshadowed the mystery of your true temple;
this church is the image on earth of your heavenly city:

For you made the body of your Son,
born of the Virgin,
a temple consecrated to your glory,
the dwelling place of your glory,
the dwelling place of your godhead in all its fullness.

You have established the Church as your holy city,
founded on the apostles,
with Jesus Christ its cornerstone.

You continue to build your Church with chosen stones,
enlivened by the Spirit,
and cemented together by love.

Through Christ we praise you Lord,
with all the angels and saints in their song of joy:

CHOIR: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

BISHOP: We come to you, Father, with praise and thanksgiving
through Jesus Christ your Son.
Through him we ask you to accept and bless these gifts
we offer you in sacrifice.
We offer them for your holy catholic Church,
watch over it, Lord, and guide it;
grant it peace and unity throughout the world.
We offer them for John Paul our pope, for me your
unworthy servant,
and for all who hold and teach the catholic faith
that comes to us from the apostles.

FIRST CONCELEBRANT:
Remember, Lord, your people,
especially those for whom we now pray.
Remember all of us gathered here before you.
You know how firmly we believe in you
and dedicate ourselves to you.
We offer you this sacrifice of praise
for ourselves and those who are dear to us.
We pray to you, our living and true God,
for our well-being and redemption.

SECOND CONCELEBRANT:
In union with the whole Church we honour Mary,
the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and
God.
We honour Joseph, her husband,
the apostles and martyrs
Peter and Paul, Andrew and all the saints.
May their merits and prayers
gain us your constant help and protection.

BISHOP Father, accept this offering from your whole family,
Grant us peace in this life,
save us from final damnation,
and count us among those You have chosen

BISHOP AND CONCELEBRANTS:
Bless and approve our offering
make it acceptable to you, an offering in spirit and in
truth.

Let it become for us the body and blood of Jesus
Christ,
your only Son, our Lord.

The day before he suffered,
he took bread in his sacred hands
and looking up to heaven to you his almighty Father
he gave you thanks and praise.
he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

**Take this, all of you, and eat it:
This is my body which will be given up for you.**

When supper was ended, he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all men
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.**

CANTOR: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

CHOIR: EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION
When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
Until you come in glory

BISHOP AND CONCELEBRANTS:
Father, we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son.
We, your people and your ministers,
recall his passion, his resurrection from the dead,
and his ascension into glory;
and from the many gifts you have given us
we offer to you, God of Glory and majesty,
this holy and perfect sacrifice,
the bread of life
and the cup of eternal salvation.

Look with favour on these offerings and accept them as once you accepted the gifts of your servant Abel, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchisedech.

Almighty God,
we pray that your angel may take this sacrifice to your altar in heaven.

Then, as we receive from this altar the sacred body and blood of your Son, let us be filled with every grace and blessing.

THIRD CONCELEBRANT:

Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray.

May these, and all who sleep in Christ, find in your presence light, happiness and peace.

FOURTH CONCELEBRANT:

For ourselves, too, we ask some share in the fellowship of your apostles and martyrs, with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas and all the saints.

Though we are sinners, we trust in your mercy and love.

Do not consider what we truly deserve, but grant us your forgiveness.

BISHOP:

Through Christ our Lord, you give us all these gifts, you fill them with life and goodness, you bless them and make them holy.

BISHOP AND CONCELEBRANTS:

Through Him, with Him, in Him.

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
almighty Father
for ever and ever.

CHOIR:

Amen.

STAND COMMUNION RITE

Those who have already received Holy Communion today may receive again at this Mass of Re-dedication

BISHOP:

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

ALL: **Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespasses against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

BISHOP:

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

BISHOP:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen.**

BISHOP

The peace of the Lord be with you always

ALL: **And also with you.**

BISHOP:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

May this mingling of the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

ALL:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.**

BISHOP:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of
the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit your death
brought life to the world. By your holy body and blood
free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me
faithful to your teaching, and never let me be parted from
you.

This is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

ALL:

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

MOTET ADORE TE DEVOTE

BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord.
Thou my great father and I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate my sword for the fight,
Be thou my armour and be thou my might.
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower,
Raise thou me heavenward O power of my power.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance thro' all my days.
Thou and thou only the first in my heart,
King of high heaven my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven when battle is done,
Grant heaven's joy to me bright heaven's sun.
great heart of my own heart whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision O ruler of all.

SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me, ye waters, streaming from his side.

Strength and protection may his passion be:
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me:
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
In death's dread moments make me only thine;
Call me, and bid me come to thee on high,
When I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

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Short address by Father Clerkin, Parish Priest

KNEEL

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

BISHOP:

The Lord be with you

ALL:

And also with you.

BISHOP:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

**The Lord of earth and heaven
has assembled you before him this day
to re-dedicate this house of prayer.
may he fill you with the blessings of heaven.**

ALL:

Amen.

BISHOP:
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God the Father wills that all his children
scattered through the world
become one family in his Son.
May he make you his temple,
the dwelling place of his Holy Spirit.

ALL:

Amen.

BISHOP:

May God free you from every bond of sin,
dwell within you and give you joy.
May you live with him for ever
in the company of all his saints.

ALL:

Amen.

BISHOP:

May almighty God bless you,
the Father † and the Son † and the Holy † Spirit.

ALL:

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

ALL:

Thanks be to God.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom the world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms,
Has blessed us on our way,
With countless gift of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our lives be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father, now be given,
The Son, and Spirit blest
Who reign in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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